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- 1. A refrigeration device with a storage compartment, a compressor (1), a refrigerant circuit for cooling the storage compartment, which comprises a high-pressure area connected to an output of the compressor (1) and a low-pressure area connected to an input of the compressor (1), and a drain pan (4,4', 4") for condensation water leaving the storage compartment, characterised in that a heat exchanger (7,7") thermally coupled to the drain pan (4,4', 4") is incorporated into the high-pressure area.
- 2. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 1, characterised in that the heat exchanger (7,7") in the refrigerant circuit is arranged in between a high-pressure output (3,3') of the compressor (1) and a liquefier (9).
- 3. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the heat exchanger (7) has a pipe (6) through which a refrigerant flows, which is enclosed on at least a part of its periphery by the condensation water.
- 4. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 3, characterised in that the pipe (6) is arranged to dip into the drain pan (4,4").
- 5. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 3, characterised in that the pipe is integrated in a wall (14) of the drain pan (4").
- 6. The refrigeration device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the heat exchanger (7,7") is made at least partially of a material releasing copper or silver ions.

- 7. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 3 and Claim 6, characterised in that the pipe (6) is a copper pipe.
- 8. The refrigeration device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the drain pan (4,4', 4") is mounted on a compressor (1) of the refrigerant circuit.
- 9. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 8, characterised in that the drain pan (4', 4") is formed partially by a wall of a housing of the compressor (1) and partially by a cap mounted tightly on this housing.
- 10. The refrigeration device as claimed in Claim 9, characterised in that a refrigerant outlet opening (3') of the housing (1) is arranged on the part of the wall enclosed by the cap.